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Attn: Mail Stop Amendment

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 10/736,681; Filed: December 17, 2003
For: **System For ESD Protection With Extra Headroom In Relatively Low Supply Voltage Integrated Circuits**

Inventors: LI *et al.*
Our Ref: 1875.5210000

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111; and
2. One (1) return postcard.

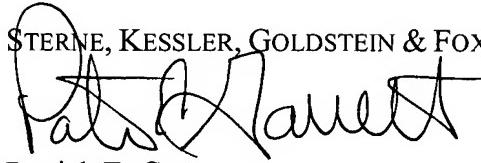
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated December 19, 2005, (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 121405), Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks.

This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:
 - in ascending order;
 - with status identifiers; and
 - with markings in the currently amended claims;
- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent

abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.